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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TOMOHIRO SUZUKI, ET AL.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Filed: February 28, 2002)
For: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE)
POLYESTER HAVING VINYL)
PHENYL STRUCTURE IN THE SIDE)
CHAIN AND ITS PRODUCTION)
METHOD) June 12, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in the specification where they are cited and in a abstract attached to each.

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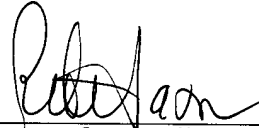
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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